

**Testimony in Support of
H.B. 6760, An Act Concerning Civics Education and Media Literacy**

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Chairmen McCrory and Currey, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and distinguished members of the Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 6760, An Act Concerning Civic Education and Media Literacy.

Civic engagement is a crucial part of developing the future generations of our state. The belief that it takes one person to make a difference should be championed by schools and teachers, and we must emphasize the value of being informed and voting for those who are eligible. Students across the state depend on our school systems to adequately prepare them to become self-sufficient, well-rounded, and educated members of our communities.

To achieve that end, it is vital that the State implement guidelines and supports that help ensure our students are obtaining a high-quality education that includes civics and media literacy. By including civics and media literacy in the public school curriculum, and establishing the Connecticut Civics Education and Media Literacy Task Force, H.B. 6760 will help students develop an understanding of how, and why, decisions that impact them are made.

When we make early investments in our students, Connecticut sees dividends for years to come. By establishing this task force and providing strategies to improve how public schools provide instruction on civics, citizenship, media literacy, and American government, H.B. 6760 is helping equip students to be the change they learn about.

The School and State Finance Project champions policies that allow Connecticut's students to have equal and equitable opportunities to access a high-quality education. Engaging students on civics and media literacy is a critical component of this goal. We urge the Committee to support H.B. 6760, and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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